“Dr. Heidegger’s Experiment” Helpful Support

Literary Terms / Devices

Ambiguity – style of Hawthorne’s writing. Details are left vague

Allusion

Allegory

Unreliable Narrator

Symbols

Five Characters – each of the characters represent a different human vice

Bronze Bust of Hippocrates - Father of Modern Medicine. Hippocrates favored trial and error

Water – Universal Theme of Life

The Rose – Experience has taught him a lesson.. lost love

The Mirror – holds the souls of the lost patients. Also, a reflection of what reveals the truth.

Skeleton in the Closet – sins of the past that are best hidden

The Black Book of Magic – forbidden knowledge. The rose marks the page of the potion that killed Sylvia. Book is locked , therefore the knowledge is intentionally sought and not accidentally discovered.